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**In Re Applicati n of:** Kretzschmar  
**Serial No.:** 09/980696  
**Filed:** October 23, 2001  
**For:** Apparatus for Mounting and Dismounting Hoses  
Onto or From Socket Pieces

**Group Art Unit:**

Box DAC  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington D.C. 20231

**Docket No.:** H01.2-10177

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

1. In regard to the above-identified application, we are submitting the attached:  
**Petition to Accord a Correct Filing Date with attachments; VAS Transmittal Letter; and Postcard.**
2. With respect to fees:  
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4. Notwithstanding paragraph 2 above, if any additional fees associated with this communication are required and have not otherwise been paid, including any fee associated with the Conditional Petition for Extension of Time, or any request in the accompanying papers for action which requires a fee as a petition to the Commissioner, please charge the additional fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0350. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment associated with this communication to the Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

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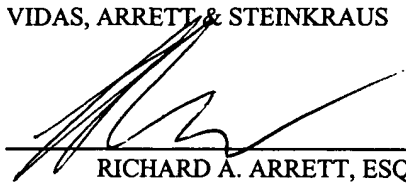
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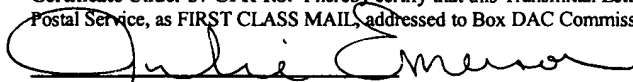
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Dear Sir:

**PETITION TO ACCORD CORRECT FILING DATE PURSUANT  
TO 37 C.F.R. 1.10(d) & MPEP Sec. 513**

**Background**

On October 17, 2001 our office received faxed instructions from our German national client to file a national stage application for the above application before the 30th month anniversary of the priority date - i.e., October 22, 2001. Our office proceeded to prepare the necessary application documents and filed them on Friday, October 19, 2001.

At 4:50 p.m. on October 19, 2001, my assistant carried two Express Mail envelopes for deposit - i.e., No. **EV013260653US** and **EL835248846US** (for an unrelated PCT application) to the US Post Office Express Mail Dropbox located near Applicant's attorney's office at 6110 Blue Circle Drive, Minnetonka, MN. This is confirmed by the attached Express Mail Log (highlighted) for pick up by 5:00 pm. that same day. Also attached is a copy of the return post card showing deposit of the Express Mail Envelope **EV013260653US** to be October 19, 2001.

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**PETITION**

Applicant hereby petitions for correction of the filing date for this national stage application to be **October 19, 2001** - the date upon which the national stage application was given to the US Postal Service for pick up.

Respectfully submitted,

VIDAS, ARRETT & STEINKRAUS, P.A.

Dated: March 8, 2002

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